

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 549

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Tommy Haun, Monroe County
Trustee, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun is one such estimable person who has served with dedication and probity for 32 years as Trustee of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haun served valiantly in World War II and upon his return worked as superintendent of the Sweetwater Hosiery Mill before entering local government; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, following four years of employment as a clerk in the Circuit Court Clerk's office, Mr. Haun ran for, and was elected, Trustee for Monroe County; his fellow citizens in Monroe County elected him to that office a total of eight times; and

WHEREAS, when Tommy Haun first assumed office, telephones had rotary dials, receipts were handwritten and hand filed, and lines went around the block as tax deadlines neared; the number of landowners has increased from 5,000 parcels to be taxed in 1970 to 36,000 parcels today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haun began work in an office in the old Monroe County Courthouse, but in 1978, he moved into the J. P. Kennedy annex building across Warren Street; throughout his tenure, he sent out a courtesy tax bill reminder to Monroe Countians reminding them of their taxes and the due date, something not done by all county trustees. As a result of that policy, he has a 98 percent collection rate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haun is an active and important part of his community and credits the people of Monroe County for his success in office, saying, "The people of this county have been extremely good to me, and I've tried to return that kindness. I never played politics with anybody or tried to treat anybody differently than anybody else. I tried to help wherever I could and just did my job of collecting the money that came through the county."; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Haun exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he is fortunate to enjoy the love and support of his wife of 55 years, the former Betty Ruth Raley, their daughter, Patricia Neal Haun Ingram, and grandchildren, Tricia Ingram Layow and Brent Ingram; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Haun has demonstrated a remarkable ability to relate in a positive manner to the people of Monroe County and to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of all who know him; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2002, Tommy Haun will retire from the office that he has held for almost a third of a century, having turned over the keys to a newly elected successor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Tommy Haun our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

